(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) : (a) and (b) The RBI report has noted that the severe drought of the current year is likely to have adverse impact on the production, prices and other sectors of the economy. The Government has taken a series of measures to maximise agricultural production in the rabi season and to maintain a check on the price rise The Government's anti inflationary strategy includes effective demand and supply management like strengthening of the Public Distribution System, allocation of additional stocks of foodgrains to drought affected areas, augmenting domestic availability of essential commodities like sugar, edible oils and pulses through imports, mopping up of excess liquidity in the system and strict action against hoarders and blackmarketeers.

Hardships caused to tribals by strict implementation of Forest Conservation Act

1092. SHRI AJIT P K JOGI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that strict implementation of Forest Conservation Act is causing undue hardship to the poor tribals living in and around forest areas; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to amend the Act suitably so that the essential requirements of the tribals are easily met ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z R. ANSARI) : (a) No case of hardship to tribal population has come to the notice of this Ministry.

(b) Question does not arise.

12.00 NOON

STATEMENT OF MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th May, 1986 to unstarred Question 1059, regarding unaccounted money distributed by two Shaikhs in Kerala.

MR. CHAIRMAN Now, Mr. Gadhvi to make a statement....

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY (Andhra Pradesh) . Sir, I am on a point of order. I may be permitted before he lays the statement on the Table It is about the statement. Sir, the unaccounted money that was circulated and distributed by foreigners in our country is of two crimes that have been compounded into one. One is foreigners. And the second is..

MR. CHAIRMAN : Just a minute.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: He is giving a statement correcting it.

MR. CHAIRMAN . I want to know what is your point of order

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: My point of order is this. The reply was given by the Government in May, 1986. And now after one and half a years they are coming up with a statement correcting it. Sir, May I elaborate, Sir, on this a little ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : They have come late. That is all. On the point of order, there is no elaboration. You have raised the point of order that the correction is so late. That is all

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : And he must explain why it took one and a half years. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN : If the points of orders go like this, then.....

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE (West Bengal) : Sir, What pleased him to continue with that to so long (*Interruptions.*)

MR. CHAIRMAN . What she is raising is a relevant one.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) : Sir, the point that there was delay in giving this correction....

MR. CHAIRMAN : She wants to know why there is this delay. When you correct an answer, it must be done at the earliest.

SHRI B. K. GADHVI : Yes, Sir. It was because this agency was abroad. After enquiries and other things, we got it. And, therefore, in my statement I have mentioned that the delay in correcting the reply

is regretted and it may be condoned. I have already expressed it....

MR. CHAIRMAN : There is inordinate delay. And the House expects the Government not to have this delay because any correction to an answer, after so much time, will be a mockery of the....

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra) : Then, Sir, it is not a correction at all. Sir, I have a submission to make. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh) : We do not know what is the answer. Let him also supply the answer....

SHRI JAGESH DESAI : Sir, I have a submission on this point only.

MR. CHAIRMAN : One suggestion has come. The suggestion is that when the correction is so late, the main answer may also be supplied

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra) : Is the suggestion in writing, Sir? Otherwise, it cannot be allowed.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Why not? It is arising out of the point of order.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : As per the conventions and the rules of the House, if any objection has to be taken to the correcting of the reply, she or any Member has to give in writing...

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Not necessary. The Chairman has permitted....

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : If you have not permitted, Sir, she is not entitled, she has to right to raise it now.... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: How do you know? The Chairman has permitted.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : That is all right. I do not mind.

श्री सत्यपाल मलिक (उत्तर प्रदेश) श्रीमन्, सदन जिस वक्त चलता हो, इम्प्रोपरायटी कमिट हो, किसी भी वक्त मेम्बर खड़े होकर अपने सजेशन दे सकता है... **(व्यवधान)**

SHRI B. K. GADHVI : Sir, correction is not with regard to the channels The correction is only with regard to the name.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Kulkarni has said about this. I got the objection in writing. Secondly, if there is a proper objection, it should be....

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : It should be given in writing.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: How could a point of order be in advance?

SHRI A. G .KULKARNI : Sir, it is your right to allow. If you allow, we do not mind. But, Sir, you will have to...

(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN : I am here to see that all reasonable things are done. I think, if this is a reasonable thing that when the answer is delayed, when the correction is delayed so long, it should be for the convenience of all the Members, not them alone. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : If you permit her, I don't mind.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI : Sir, my point of order is that...

MR. CHAIRMAN : There is no point of order on a point of order, please. No point of order on a point of order.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI : Please allow me to have my say.

MR. CHAIRMAN : There is a rule that there is no point of order on a point of order.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV (Maharashtra) : Sir, can it be on a point of information?

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Then there will be a point of disorder.

SHRI B. K. GADHVI : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th May, 1986, to Unstarred Question 1059, regarding unaccounted money distributed by two Sheikhs in Kerala. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-5000-A/87].